



EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

GIRLS COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7th SEPTMEBER 2016

Newmarket Hotel

COMMENCING AT 6:30PM

MINUTES

Meeting opened at 6:37pm

Attendance:

Andrew Morris (Easts); Cathy Skow, Lachlan Bhim (Heffron); Barry Grossman (Maccabi); Patrick Hardy (Maroubra); Stevie Lawrence, Tom Mattioli (Pagewood); Alistair Little (Queens Park); Tom Adam (Junior Director Football); Adrian Larson (Competitions Coordinator).

Agenda

1. Season Review
2. Election of new Chair
3. Rules discussion/proposed changes
4. Draft 2017 calendar
5. Other business

1. Season review

G12's

The decision to split the 8 team competition during the season, due to teams on the bottom of the table was detrimental to the teams in the middle. Therefore, it was agree that 8 team or lower competition should not be split in future seasons.

G14's

Pagewood not happy with promotion of G14B's & G14C's to Championship. PBFC raised that a club should not have 3 teams in a 6 team competition.

The teams were promoted from Division 2 based on performance, and their club wasn't taken into consideration. PBFC were advised to object by 12pm Monday, following the regrade decision, as per competition rules.

G18

Reddam withdrawal during the season caused a big disruption to the competition - resulting in a reformat of the competition fixtures. Reddam should be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.

Players playing up needs to be monitored by clubs and ESFA, to ensure players have adequate progression through all age groups, and competitions are not detrimentally affected. There were a lot of players younger than 2 years playing in the G18's, cleared with written consent.

Some clubs withdrew teams after the grading meeting, which resulted in reformatting of competitions, and a detriment to teams within those competitions. It was proposed a fine be issued to clubs that withdraw teams after the final nomination deadline.

2. Election of new Chair

No nominations – email to be circulated.

The proposal to abolish council chairs was raised and received well by delegates.

3. Rules discussion/proposed changes

The proposal to not split competitions was widely agreed upon, promotion/relegation works well.

E.g. If 10 teams in an age group, begin season 6/4 and promote/relegate as needed. Further to this, an 8 team competition should not be split.

12's to go to 9v9 in 2017 was agreed upon by all delegates. The proposal to move 12's to MiniRoos, non-competitive structure, with set times on Saturday morning should be considered.

A monetary forfeit fine to be applied in 2017, as the points deduction did not work well. A recommendation of the Senior forfeit fine model was agreed upon.

1st forfeit: \$100 (after 9am Thursday), 2nd forfeit: \$200, 3rd forfeit: \$250 (refer to disciplinary committee).

Pennant finals – many issues with teams not wanting to play, resulting in teams simply not showing up. Pennant fixtures to be scheduled as seeded regular season fixtures in the future.

No more golden goal in finals. The majority of club delegates agreed to abolish Golden goal during all extra time games, as added time is generally allowed for on the day.

A club championship may help motivate clubs as a whole, and increase accountability of teams.

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4. Draft 2017 calendar

A copy of the 2017 was distributed, and the competition rounds highlighted. In particular, the first weekend of the July school holidays, where many clubs requested deferment of games with very short notice. Clubs that wish to have scheduled rounds off must submit special time requests at the start of the season, before games are published online.

5. Other business

The RMC (Referees Management Committee) are working on solutions in the offseason to help improve referee coverage in the future. Club delegates addressed the need of combatting abuse on parks. RTO's are asked to take control of their players and spectators. If not willing to confront offending people on the parks, an incident report should be submitted to the ESFA office.

When is the best time of the year for ESFA to hold a C licence in 2017?
On a night training isn't on, during the season.

Meeting closed at 7:21pm